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The new BMW M3 Saloon

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BMW's latest V8-engined M3 range will be expanded with the addition of a new model that retains all the driving appeal and sportiness of the Coupé, yet couples these attributes with the space and flexibility of a saloon.

The Munich company believes the new car offers 'supercar performance with four-door practicality' and expects to sell examples in the slightly older and family-orientated segment currently served by **Audi** with its autobahn-storming **RS4**, and the recently announced **Mercedes-Benz C 63 AMG**.



We covered the new M3 Coupé in detail on launch, and prospective buyers can look forward to the 420hp lightweight V8 propelling the four-door from zero to 62mph in 4.9 seconds, only 0.1 seconds slower than the Coupé, before going on to a top speed limited to 155mph.



Underneath the similarly flared and restyled bodywork, with its characteristically power-bulged bonnet, lies the lightweight and improved suspension of the Coupé. Power is transferred to the road by BMW M's six-speed manual gearbox and variable M differential, while it runs on the same 18-inch Dark Graphite double-spoke light-alloy wheels as the two-door (with a forged and polished 19-inch wheel available as an option).





BMW will announce pricing and launch date for the new M3 Saloon later this year.

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